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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO FMG TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING RELEASE OF
U.S. CITIZENS AND AIRCRAFT

REF: LAGOS 1791

1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO ASK FMG FOR ITS ASSISTANCE.
2. THE AIRCRAFT AND CREW ARE NOT RPT NOT PART OF A U.S.
INTELLIGENCE OPERATION. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED FIRM ASSURAN-
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CES FROM ALLEGHENY AIRLINES THAT IT SOLD THE PLANE TO

SUIDWEST AIRLINES IN A STRAIGHT COMMERCIAL DEAL. THE PLANE IN QUESTION IS THE SECOND OF TWO PURCHASES BY SUIDWEST. HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE PLANE WAS TO BE USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

3. THE SAFETY OF THE CREW IS PARAMOUNT. IF, THEREFORE, THE NIGERIANS REFUSE CATEGORICALLY TO ACT ON OUR BEHALF, BUT OFFER TO PUT YOU IN TOUCH WITH MPLA REPS, YOU SHOULD

INFORM US BY IMMEDIATE CABLE AND AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS. KISSINGER

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